WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Development of Hampi

1200. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has placed Rs. 572 crore proposal before the Japan Bank for International Co-operation for development of Hampi, a world heritage site; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to get the above proposal approved by the Japan Bank for International Co-operation?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for development of Hampi received from the Government of Karnataka was forwarded to the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, who has posed the same to Japan Bank for International Co-operation for FY 2005 ODA package. However, no decision has been taken by Japan Bank for International Co-operation on this.

Workshop organised by IGNCA

1201. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IGNCA has organised a five-day workshop in Delhi alongwith the National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Culture Property to train people in various cultural institutes to ensure that old photographs remain picture-perfect; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in the meeting; and

(c) the conclusions arrived at so far?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic objective of the workshop was to provide technical know-how regarding preventive conservation of photographc images and to create awareness about their preservation. Focusing on the aspects of deterioration in the photographic material, issues like effect of light, relative humidity, temperature and bio-deteriorating agencies were also discussed in detail in the workshop. The steps involved in the removal of stains, dust, dirt, fungus and other accretions were also demonstrated.